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An image forming apparatus

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Bilderzeugungsgerät

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Appareil de formation d'images

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Abstract (en)
An image forming apparatus includes an image bearing member for carrying an electrostatic image, the surface layer having a volume resistivity of 10^{9-13} Ω.cm; developing means for developing the electrostatic image on the image bearing member with a developer comprising toner and a carrier having a volume resistivity value of 10^{6-10} Ω.cm, while contacting chains of the carrier to the image bearing member, the developing means including a developer carrying member, opposed to the image bearing member, for carrying the developer and electric field forming means for forming an alternating electric field between the image bearing member and the developer carrying member; wherein the following is satisfied: $\frac{T_1}{T_2} < 1$ where T1 is a time duration in which the toner receives force away from the image bearing member toward the developer carrying member; T2 is a time duration in which the toner receives force away from the developer carrying member toward the image bearing member. <IMAGE>

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